

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2185**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Eggman**  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Wolk)

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An act to add Section 29046.5 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to bees.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2185, as introduced, Eggman. Bees: foraging: public lands.

Existing law prohibits a person from locating or maintaining an apiary on any public land without the expressed oral or written approval of the entity which owns, leases, controls, or occupies the land, as specified.

This bill would require a public entity, on public lands it owns, leases, controls, or occupies, to designate areas that may be used for a person to locate or maintain an apiary for purposes of bee foraging. The bill would also make findings and declarations related to bee foraging. By requiring local public entities to designate these areas, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3     (a) Bee foraging on public lands is an important element for the  
4 increase of native plants.

5     (b) Bee foraging can enhance the goals of a public agency's  
6 land management plans.

7     (c) Bee foraging will enhance existing plant communities.

8     SEC. 2. Section 29046.5 is added to the Food and Agricultural  
9 Code, to read:

10     29046.5. A public entity, on public lands it owns, leases,  
11 controls, or occupies, shall designate areas that may be used for a  
12 person to locate or maintain an apiary for purposes of bee foraging.

13     SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
14 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
15 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
16 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
17 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.